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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: August 22, 2012

RE: Park Improvements as of August 2012

Dear Board Members:

We are thrilled to have received the 4+ inches of rain in August. This has allowed us to start concentrating on other things but watering.

We did a tree assessment of the trees planted at the River Road plant in our tree farm. We have 23 healthy young trees that we plan to move to a park if weather permits late this fall.

PARKS

Armstrong

We have contracted with Margretta (Greta) Peterson, our former intern to continue with the concept plans for Armstrong Park. We have met with the Lion's Club and will continue working with their representatives. Our meeting with the Countryside HOA was delayed but will take place prior to this meeting.

Benches and trash receptacles are being installed in the park this week.

Asa Bales

Irrigation has been set for Tuesday and Thursday's in accordance with the new watering restriction.

The Meet the Artist Event went well, with attendance of about 60 people in the course of two hours. The follow up article in the Current was very good.

We have experienced a few incidences of vandalism this month in the park.

Freedom Trail

The repairs to the safety surfaces were completed last week at no charge to the park department.

All stone surfaces have been graded, leveled, and sprayed for weeds. All dead limbs have been trimmed and known dead trees have been removed. The park looks good and is ready for the 2012 football season.

Old Friends Cemetery

The signage footers have been installed and await the arrival of the new interpretive signs. They are due by September 7th.

We have two trees under warranty in the park that will be replaced by Becker Landscaping in the fall.

Osborne Park

We made it to the top 15 finalist in the national PetSafe Bark for Your Park competition. And as a top finalist we receive some agility equipment for our future park.

The Friends Of - are planning some fundraising events to support getting the park started. We will keep you posted.

Quaker

We worked with Rob Lambert and DeWayne Hollman of Public Works and Adam Green with Informatics to develop a plan for running the splash park without the SCADA system. Really, Rob and DeWayne developed the system using existing technology that will cost the park department very little money (\$625) to retro fit. The switch over will happen as soon as the new equipment is retro fitted.

The shelters have been painted at Quaker Park.

TRAILS

Cool Creek Trail

You previously approved the request for quotes for seven trail identification signs for the new section of Cool Creek Trail that runs along Cool Creek Park Road, Greyhound Pass; 147th Street and continues through Cool Creek Commons Shopping Center. The signs should be install this week.

Monon Trail

Construction of the Monon Trail pedestrian bridge over 146th Street is on schedule. Reith Riley Construction is the contractor for this Hamilton County project.

Midland Trace Trail

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The section of the Midland east of Carey Road has been cleared and made passable for walking to Gunther Ave.

We received a quit claim from Maple Knoll Investors, LLC that we are presenting for your acceptance. As well, as a right of entry to grant Maple Knoll to then construct the Midland Trace Trail. We are working with Community Development to get the quit claims from the other developers to the west.

Grand Junction Trail

The irrigation along the trail on South Union Street has been programed to comply with the new watering restrictions.

OTHER ITEMS

Grand Junction

We have several property owners in different stages of discussions at this time. Nothing new to report.

Special Events or Programs

Westfield in Bloom (WIB)

The Community Committee's signature project is Plant a Row is in full swing. To date we have about 1200 pounds donated.

The Heritage Committee's main project this year is hosting "*Voices from the Past*". This will be our second year of offering this performance of some of Westfield's historical citizens. The performances take place in the Anti-Slavery Cemetery in Asa Bales Park and Old Friends Cemetery Park. We partner with the Westfield Historical Society and Westfield Players. This year we are host on two days. The performances on Friday, September 14th during the day will be a school field trips, Friday evening performance will be discounted, for families. There will be Saturday performances. This is a ticketed event. A flyer is attached for your information. Two performances are sold out.

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